

Buddha Insanity While People Dying



While the USA was busy bombing Afghanistan, president Bush Jr. was simultaneously assuring the American people that we were helping the Afghan people with humanitarian aid (dropping food and supplies from the air). Unfortunately, as soon as the Taliban was removed from power, the Afghan people were abandoned and left at the mercy of [tyrants and rapists](#). The Northern Alliance has a history as bad as the Taliban. There was [not enough food](#). [Many are starving](#) and children there suffer from diseases which are easily curable. [One out of four children die before reaching age five](#). Though The [White House puts up a front that it cares](#) by trying to appeal to the American people to donate more money, why are the FEDs so intrigued with rebuilding Iraq but not Afghanistan? Why \$87,000,000,000 for Iraq, but peanuts for Afghanistan? What's going on here?

It's bad enough that the US government is wasting unbelievable amounts of money on nonsense (like the [\\$600,000 spent to study the sex-habits of squirrels](#)). Now you've got idiots who want to spend \$60,000,000 to erect two humongous Buddha statues in Afghanistan (174 and 125 feet tall). Here's the article below. Has the world gone nuts?

Tall order for Afghan Buddhas

Researchers hope to rebuild statues razed by Taliban

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GENEVA -- Swiss-based scientists have created a model of a huge Buddha statue destroyed by the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and said Wednesday that they hope it will be used to rebuild the ancient figure.

The team used 30-year-old photographs and special software to build the three-dimensional model, which represents the larger of two standing Buddhas blown up by the hard-line Islamic group in March 2001.

International outcry followed the destruction of the giant Buddhas, which were chiseled into the cliff more than 1,500 years ago in Bamiyan Valley on the ancient Silk Road linking Europe and Central Asia.

The fundamentalist Taliban considered them "idolatrous" and against the tenets of Islam.

The larger Buddha was 174 feet high. The team is working on mapping the other statue, which was about 125 feet tall and stood about a half-mile away, said professor Armin Gruen, a member of the team based at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich.

"This is a beautiful area, and it could develop into a major tourist attraction if the Buddhas could be put back in place," Gruen said.

Rebuilding the Buddhas at their original location would cost around \$30 million each, he said. Most likely, the re-creation would be made of concrete covered with plaster.

Gruen emphasized that money for the project should be independent of aid for rebuilding infrastructure in Afghanistan.

"We believe there are enough private people in the world that have strong ties to Buddhism who would be prepared to donate the money if they had the approval of UNESCO," he said.

UNESCO, the UN cultural organization, has been discussing what to do about the Buddhas. Some experts support rebuilding; others say they should be left as they are, because destruction is part of a country's cultural heritage. Gruen argues that reconstruction is an accepted practice, citing his native Germany after World War II.

"If you go to German cities nowadays, it's all reconstructed," he said. "Reconstruction in the Western world is quite normal, is going on everywhere. Why should it not be going on in Afghanistan as well?"

To build the model, Gruen's team used details from three photographs and programmed a milling machine to create a polyurethane image 200 times smaller than the original -- and accurate to within a half-inch.

The team is now working on a replica one-tenth of the original, or 17 1/2 feet high. That model should be completed by next spring and will go on display at the Kabul Museum, which is being rebuilt.

"We have to wait until there is at least a roof on the museum before putting in the Buddha," Gruen said.

What is wrong with the world? Has everyone gone nuts? I mean, there's little children dying over in Afghanistan (you know, the country we supposedly liberated from the evil Taliban). How could anyone in their right mind justify spending money on Buddha statues instead of feeding the children? People's priorities are all wrong! The misappropriation and waste of tax-payer money is appalling. I pay taxes. I don't want my money being used for garbage like squirrel studies! Here's a link to [The Pork Page](#), loaded with government waste projects. Also, read [Money Down The Drain](#).

It's pathetic. While one in four children are dying by age five in destitute war-stricken Afghanistan, some morons are wanting to restore their Buddha statues. It's just beyond common sense and sanity. Truly, much of today's world has lost its mind. It's sickening to realize that we live in a nation like the United States where you can legally murder your child through an abortion, but face [imprisonment for killing an American eagle](#). Save the eagles! Murder the children and [sell their body parts](#)! On and on, truly there is a devil.

May I briefly say...I am a born-again Christian, but not religious. I detest religion. I love the Lord Jesus Christ and have built this website (www.Jesus-is-Savior.com) for Him. It goes without saying that the world is fast becoming a large insane asylum. Without Jesus Christ, people can become heartless monsters. The world is a place of wickedness (1st John 5:19). If you have never accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, I please with you friend to do so now. Simply admit (confess) your sinful condition to Jesus Christ (God Almighty Who came to this earth in the body of

a man, the Son of God, God in the flesh). Jesus was born of a virgin. Jesus lived a sinless life. Jesus went to the cross to pay for your sins and mine by shedding His blood to atone for our sins in heaven. Jesus died, was buried, and rose again three days later. He ascended to heaven and applied His blood to the mercy seat in heaven, just as the Old Testament high priest applied the lamb's blood to the mercy seat in the holy of holies. All you have to do to be saved is trust upon Jesus Christ 100% to forgive your sins and save your soul. Ask Jesus to save you and forgive you. Make the decision to rely upon Christ with all your heart to save you. After all, Jesus has the nail-scarred hands and feet, why would you trust another? [If you would like to know much more about salvation, then please click HERE.](#)

Thank you, Dave

